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Information since received from LA 3932-S reveals that on 3/29/60, a regular meeting of the Professional-Cultural Section Council, SCDPC, was held at 3048 Victoria Street, Los Angeles. Among members of the Council present was JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, who is Chairman of one of the two writers clubs in the Cultural Section. During preliminary and informal discussion at the meeting, LAWSON displayed the copy of the "Southern California Daily Trojan", a student publication at University of Southern California, which carried headlines regarding LAWSON's appearance before the University's freshman English class on 3/25/60. LAWSON also had copies of newspaper clippings from the local HEARST papers regarding the incident. (u)

LAWSON told the meeting that he had been invited to speak before the English Department at USC, but he did not identify the manner in which he received the invitation. He indicated however, that he had been invited to speak on the subject of playwriting and that he had had an opportunity to discuss the subject of the Hollywood blacklist with more than 100 students who were present. He also indicated that he had been very well received, not only by the students, but by members of the English Department faculty. LAWSON also noted that his textbook which he, LAWSON, wrote on the subject of playwriting is used by the University as a text.

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